

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Negative~~ A negative birefringent retardation film comprising polymerised liquid crystal (LC) material with helically twisted structure and planar orientation, wherein the helical pitch of the LC material is 55 nm to < 100 nm 200 nm or less.
2. (Cancelled)
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4. (Currently Amended) ~~Film~~ A film according to Claim 1, wherein the polymerised LC material is polymerised or crosslinked chiral nematic or cholesteric LC material.
5. (Currently Amended) ~~Film~~ A film according to Claim 1, wherein the LC director at one surface is parallel or antiparallel to the LC director at the opposite surface.
6. (Currently Amended) ~~Combination~~ A combination comprising
  - (1) a negative birefringent retardation film comprising polymerised liquid crystal (LC) material with helically twisted structure and planar orientation, wherein the helical pitch of the LC material is 200 nm or less, according to Claim 1 and
  - (2) a linear polariser,  
wherein the director at the surface of said retardation film facing said polariser and the polarisation direction of said polariser are oriented at an angle of from 30 to 60° relative to each other.

7. (Currently Amended) Combination A combination according to claim 6, wherein said angle is 45°.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of a negative retardation film or a combination according to Claim 1 in compensators and An electrooptical display displays or liquid display displays comprising a negative birefringent retardation film according to claim 1.~~

9. (Currently Amended) Compensator A compensator comprising a negative birefringent retardation film or a combination according to Claim 1.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~Liquid A liquid~~ crystal display comprising a negative birefringent retardation film or a combination according to Claim 1.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~Liquid A liquid~~ crystal display according to claim 10, which characterized in that it is a display of the VA (vertically aligned), MVA (multi-domain vertically aligned), PVA (patterned vertically aligned), ECB (electrically controlled birefringence), TN (twisted nematic), HTN (highly twisted nematic) or STN (super twisted nematic) mode.

12. (New) An electrooptical display or liquid display comprising a combination according to claim 6.

13. (New) A compensator comprising a combination according to Claim 6.

14. (New) A liquid crystal display comprising a combination according to Claim 6.

15. (New) A liquid crystal display according to claim 14, which is a display of the VA (vertically aligned), MVA (multi-domain vertically aligned),

PVA (patterned vertically aligned), ECB (electrically controlled birefringence), TN (twisted nematic), HTN (highly twisted nematic) or STN (super twisted nematic) mode.

16. (New) A liquid crystal display with reduced mura comprising a negative birefringent retardation film comprising polymerised liquid crystal (LC) material with helically twisted structure and planar orientation, wherein the helical pitch of the LC material is 200 nm or less.

17. (New) A liquid crystal display according to claim 16, wherein the helical pitch is 55 to 175 nm.

18. (New) A liquid crystal display according to claim 16, wherein the polymerised LC material is polymerised or crosslinked chiral nematic or cholesteric LC material.

19. (New) A liquid crystal display according to claim 16, which further comprises a linear polariser, and wherein the director at the surface of said retardation film facing said polariser and the polarisation direction of said polariser are oriented at an angle of 30 to 60° relative to each other.

20. (New) A liquid crystal display according to claim 19, wherein said angle is 45°.

21. (New) A liquid crystal display according to claim 16, which comprises the following components:  
a liquid crystal cell formed by two transparent substrates having surfaces which oppose each other, an electrode layer provided on the inside of at least one of said two transparent substrates and optionally superposed with an alignment layer, and an liquid crystal medium which is present between the two transparent substrates that is switchable between at least two different

states by application of an electric field;  
a first-linear polariser on one side of the liquid crystal cell;  
a second linear polariser on the side of the liquid crystal cell opposite to that of  
said first linear polarizer; and  
one or more negative retardation films situated between the liquid crystal cell  
and the first polariser and/or between the liquid crystal cell and the second  
polariser,  
wherein the components are separated, stacked, mounted on top of each  
other, coated on top of each other or connected by one or more adhesive  
layers.

22. (New) A method for minimizing the mura effect in a liquid  
crystal display comprising preparing a liquid crystal display according to claim  
16 which comprises applying to the liquid crystal display a negative  
birefringent retardation film comprising polymerised liquid crystal (LC) material  
with helically twisted structure and planar orientation, wherein the helical pitch  
of the LC material is 200 nm or less.